

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State communities which have demonstrated a true dedication to improving the quality of life for their residents; and

**Whereas**, Belton, Missouri, is a thriving community of nearly twenty thousand citizens which is located in Cass County on the south side of the Kansas City metropolitan area; and

**Whereas**, noted for its strategic setting on Highway 71 and close proximity to the Kansas City International Freight Gateway airport, Belton also deserves mention of its well-earned reputation as a family-oriented community which ensures its residents a wide range of economic, educational, and recreational opportunities; and

**Whereas**, on Saturday, May 10, 2003, a grand opening ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the new Markey Park complex in light of the completion of a walking trail, parking lots, and five baseball/softball diamonds at a cost of \$800,000; and

**Whereas**, in keeping with the festive nature of the event, a three-inning softball game will be played between representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department and members of Belton Youth Sports after the ribbon-cutting; and

**Whereas**, the Markey Park project began in April 2000 after New Parks/Markey Park Committee Chairman Mike Gelatko and members Bob Wallace, Bill Borchert, and Wilma Baird contributed many hours of their time to establish a solid foundation through planning; and

**Whereas**, actual construction began after the signing of a contract between the Belton Park Board and Lico Construction Company (Lico Steel, Incorporated) in June 2000, with future work planned for field lighting, a concession/restroom building, playground equipment, and shelter houses:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar vision and impressive leadership which led to the establishment of the Markey Park project and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon the completion of a substantial portion of the planned improvements and our best wishes for continued success in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the Markey Park grand opening.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Baker  
District No. 123

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2731, adopted May 9, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker